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DATES: March-July 1960

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Cuba-

OCCURRENCE:

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J. D. (JAKE) ESTERLINE, who was head of the Cuba Task Force in pre-BAY OF PIGS days, was regarded by the IG Report as probably the most reliable witness on general timing of these schemes because "he seems at least to have known of all of them." (9).

The IG Report was: "unable to establish even a tentative sequence among the schemes; they may, in fact, have been under consideration simultaneously." (9)

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DATES:
March-July
1960

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CATEGORIES

CUBA (Miscellaneous Schemes)

causing his beard to fall out and thereby destroying CASTRO's procured and tested for surreptious use on CASTRO. The plan was to "dust Thallium powder into CASTRO's shoes when the powder would be absorbed into his skin they were put out at night to be shined! (13) on a trip A chemical depilatory (Thallium Salts) was outside CUBA; Depilatory: image.

recalls Rey Traffaler recalls this scheme; something about Thallium Salts.

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TSD

Bostanie Jeney ESTERLINE, Jake March-July 60

CUBA (Misc. Schemes)

OCCURRENCE:

Aerosol attack on radio station: A scheme was discussed at CIA to "contaminate the air of the radio station where CASTRO broadcast his speeches with an aerosol spray of a chemical that produces reactions similar to those of Lysergic Acid (LSD)." (10) "Nothing came of the idea." (10) TSD, remembers the discussion and discouraged the scheme "because the chemical could not be relied upon to be effective." (10) Others who may be knowledgeable: 1. Jerry Bortzer (TSD) recalls general experimentation with psychic energizers.

2. Jake Esterline.

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CATEGORIES CARD 1 of CUBA 4 DATES: August 16, PERSONS/ENTITIES: OCCURRENCE:

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He understood them to be CASTRO's Medical Services, has a notation that on 16 August 1960, that within th DR. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Office of of Cuban cigars to be treated with a .960) and gave him the box of cigars next month he contacted ne received a box ethal material. avorite brand.

poison," (21) which would recalls "that he did contaminate a full box of 50 cigars. 1961, although they do not indicate to whom s notes showed delivery of the box on ed victim upon merely putting it in the a virulent Toxin, with Botulinum February 13, kill the mouth.

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TSD

CATEGORIES:
CUBA (Leads)

OCCURRENCE:

for single senator testimony. He was in TSD and has knowledge of several pre-August 1960 schemes, at least. FAOS: Shouldn'we we call RANNOND TRENCHIST as a witness, at least

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Helms, Richard Harvey, Mr.

CATEGORIES:

Castro

that he does not recall whether he selected Harvey to head the Cuban operation, but that he did certainly approve Harvey's selection. Prior to receiving the commitment Harvey had been in charge of a Helms testified OCCURRENCE:

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BISSELL, Richard

KGB

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opinion that actions such as assassination are practiced by every intelligence organization. In response to a question from SENATOR GOLDWATER, BISSELL said that he shared GOLDWATER'S the KGB, although BISSELL could not cite a specific assassination carried out by either one (61) This includes the Exicish First OCCURRENCE

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MOSS, Edward K.

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CUBA (Leads)

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1967 indicates that EDWARD K ons counsell The IG Report

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CATEGORIES: 384 Mongoose SGA Castro DATES: PERSONS/ENTITIES: OCCURRENCE Lansdale Harvey NSC Colby

Colby testifies that Gen. Lansdale was Assistant to Secretary of Defense at time of Harvey Aug. 14, 1962 memo, therefore the search of the search he was not a CIA officer at that time." (Tr. 28)

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James P. O'Connell Maneu Onassis	' 54	Castro	
OCCUPPENCE.			

OCCURRENCE:

O'Connell testified that Maheu furnished CIA with information about Onassis derived by non-technical means from Maheu's work for his private client, in re oil rights. (Tr. 14-15, 111)

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Testimony of James P. O'Connell 5/30/75

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OCCURRENCE:

DISCOVERY LEADS:

Cofy To Anne Karyalekas under which Onassis would control 90% of all Saudi Arabian oil shipments. Agency Compropaganda campaign against Onassis & See 3 28 34 223 & 25 25 to void a contract pouch facilities available to him) Robert Maheu apparently received help from the CIA (by making in developing a black (71-72).

pouch system (72). The CIA intervened in a lible suit before the New York Supreme Court in early 1956 (Onassis v. Catapodis), which involved affidavits that had been passed through the CIA

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JANUARDS, Sheffield

O'CONNELL

OCCURRENCE:

CATEGORIES:

CUBA / (Syndicate/Phase I)

TSD prepared poison pills (of Botulin) rather than liquid poison. (24).

EDWARDS' office to discuss the requirement "(24) for poison pills, which had initially been the preference of GIANCANA STAFF: Baron 7/3/75 DATE: IG REPORT, 1967 SOURCE: FILE:

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GOTTLIEB, Sidney

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

ISSELL, Richard

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INFVEY

OCCURRENCE

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

EXECUTIVE ACTION / ZRRIF CASTRO / i.e.,

(37) BISSELL assigns to HARVEY / developing of "an EXECUTIVE ACTION capability; a general stand-by capability to carry out assassinations when required." "HARVEY's notes quote BISSELL as saying, 'The WHITE HOUSE has twice urged me to create such BISSELL recalls discussing the question of developing a general capability a capability.' with HARVEY."

FUNDEY says that BISSELL had already discussed certain aspects of the problem with (37-38)and with SIDNEY GOTTLIEB."

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SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 37-38

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

HELMS, Richard

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

HARVEY used sing in developing the EXECUTIVE ACTION capability (38). (continued from card 1)

OCCURRENCE:

Sometime shortly after this initial meeting, and while HARVEY was still discussing the development of EXECUTIVE ACTION with BISSELL, "he briefed Mr. HELMS fully on the general concept but without mention of the then on-going plan to assassinate CASTRO." (38) pruces states that



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(See the 13 names listed below)

PERSONS/ENTITIES

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET (Caral 1 CHEM - PHASE I Jastie C

The I.G. REPORT identified the following persons who knew, in late 1960 or early 1961, of the PHASE I plan to assassinate CASTRO: 1. ALLEN DULLES, DCI

GEN. C. P. CABELL, DDCI

RICHARD BISSELL, DD/P

SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security

JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security the case officer

CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT, Chief, TSD

. D. ESTERLINE, Chief, WH/4

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35

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J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He too ROBERT BANNERMAN, DD/Security tion in 1960-61.)

countered repeatedly in this inquiry,

but he denies knowing of the opera-

SIDNEY GOTTLIEB, Special Assistant to

WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, FI/D

the DD/P (GOTTLIEB's name was en-

denies knowing of the operation at the time.) Baron STAFF: EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

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CATEGORIES:

AMLASH

S. EWELT, JECK

March 9, 1961

CASTRO V

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OCCURRENCE:

Mexico City with a high officer in the Cuban armed forces who was subsequently to become a CIA asset known as A.M. LASH-1.* The with A.M. LASH to sound out his views on the Cuban situation. A.M. LASH was in Mexico City to attend a "leftist-sponsored" conference. (78).

The March 1961 meeting was inconclusive, but it led to other meetings out of which Project A.M.LASH was created. A.M. LASH-1 "repeatedly insisted that the essential first step in overthrowing the regime was the elimination of CASTRO himself, which $/\overline{A}$.M. LASH-17 claimed he was prepared to accomplish. He repeatedly requested that we $/\overline{C}I\Lambda\overline{J}$ furnish him the special equipment or material needed to do the job." (79).

The IG REPORT concludes that: "The Agency offered both direct and indirect support for /A.M. LASH's fortiliza" (20); (1) (1) (20); (

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CATEGORIES late March-April 1961 DATES:

whom ROSELLI deal with under pseudonym (32).

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PERSONS/ENTITIES: ESfethic

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CASTRO and was to put the pills into CASTRO's food or drink (32). "EDWARDS believes tht the scheme failed because CASTRO ceased to visit that particular restaurant." (32).

supported group whileh was part of the larger Cuba operation (29) Dr. Manuel Antonio d'Verona e Loredo, head of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, sa GIA

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CATEGORIES Castro. · DATES: 3 or 4-61 Trafficante Brechhridge 4.95 PERSONS/ENTITIES: OCCURRENCE: Giancana Rosselli Edwards Maheu

Cuba," (Tr. 100) and who "had a source inside Cuba (who) ...was believed to on: one occasion he obtained a female companion for an important Who contacted Giancana who contacted Trafficante, who "travelled to and from Breckinridge testified Maheu on retainer to CIA "in the early days" (Tr. 99) have access to Castro and a poison pill was developed that he was to insert (fr. 99) Edwards contacted Maheu Who contacted Roselli (Tr. 101)into Castro's food." 50'5? oreign.

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OCCURRENCE: The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION Those with knowledge of PHASE II are: OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I.

operation and delivered pills, arms, and RICHARD HELMS, DD/P WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security HARVEY, but states he knows nothing of SHEATTELD EDWARDS, D/Security (He equipment in April 1962. He does not show of developments after May 1962. knows of the fact of the turnover to knows that Harvey took over the developments thereafter.)

5. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He stated in was having meetings with members of the gambling our interview with him that he knew that HARVEY cate_in_1962. syndi

VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to gansters in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962. Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted knows that HARVEY was meeting with WGESCHEEVER, HARVEY's deputy in 1962 the identities of the recipients nor 7. TED SHACKLEY,

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SALTITUS/GNOCHE

(Same instruction as card 1.)

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DATES

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OCCURRENCE

9. ANTONIO VARONA, the Cuban exile leader (He presumably was not aware of government material was to be used.) 8. RWK TREESCHLER, TSD (TREESCHER'S par-SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the ticipation was limited to furnishing the pills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962. material

connection, but may not have identified probably knew there was a government 11. MACEO, ROSELLI's "Man" (MACEO

CIA as the agency.

10. VARONA'S SON-IN-LAW (He too was pre-

sponsorship.)

sumably not aware of government's role.)

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CATEGORIES Castro / September 25, 1961 DATES: Dr. Edward Gunn PERSONS/ENTITIES: Raymond Treichler Cornelius Roosevelt Sam Gold

Gold suggested that they not resort to firearms, but "that" if he could be furnished with and was in a financial bind. Cornelius Roosevelt, Chief, TSD was consulted and assigned been receiving back payments from the gambling interests who still had access to Castro, Sam indicated that he ha $oldsymbol{d}$ a prospective nominee in the person of Juan Orta, a Cuban official, who had Dr. Raymond Treichler to develop a pill that had the elements of rapid solubility, high after being checked out for their effectiveness by Dr. Edward M. Gunn, three pills were ultimately turned over to Sam for the mission. Neither TSD nor Dr. Gunn was briefed on OCCURRENCE: In discussing the possible methods of accomplishing the mission, Sam Six of these items were produced and some type of potent pill that could be placed in Castro's food or drink. lethal content, and little or no traceability. the ultimate use of the pills,

DATE: July 1, 1975 .CIA Justice File R-153 Memorandum by Howard J. Osbor to Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Subj: Robert A. Maheu dated Hype 24, 1966. SOURCE:

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

Harvey Bissell

Kennedy, Pobert
HALPERN

Botte 1961 October, Castro *

OCCURRENCE:

Halpern testified that in the fall of 1961 he attended a meeting with Bissell and the Ghose togber. AZober was the Branch Chief (8). The meeting occured in the middle of Oct. of 1961. Bissell stated at the meeting that he had recently "been chewed out in the cabinet room of the White House by both the President and the Attorney General form as he put it, sitting on his ass and not doing anything about getting rid of Castro and the Castro regime. His orders to both Tr. Zober and to me for to plan an operation to accomplish that end." (3) Halpern testified that no limitations were put on the term "get rid of". Nothing was forbidden (8). The meeting involved only general discussions and not tactics.

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CATEGORIES:

Halpern Bissell

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Gen Lansdale

Oct 1961

Castro .

OCCURRENCE:

Shortly after has meeting with Bissell Hapern, and Zogbow were introduced to Gen Lansdale who was the new Chief of Operations for an effort to remove in the Castro regime. The initial meeting was concerned with only organizational matters.

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Malpern

Harvey

Relms

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Dec 1961

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Office sometime in Dec of 1961, described to Raipern a meeting at the director's Cuba. (13)

Cuba. (13)

Appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting that he swould be swould be swould be swould be swould be swould be sometime. Subar (13)

Appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting that he swould after the meeting ledge came to softice, chelced into the organizate appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting (13). Sometime of Sometime Helms came to soffice, chekeed into the organization of the MI Division (14).

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PERSONS/ENTITIES: HELMS, LANSDALE,

DATES:

Feb. 1, 1962

CATEGORIES:

Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Memo for Richard Helms from Gen. Lansdale concerning NSA cover. The memo alludes to a conversation on the previous day, Jan. 31, 1962, about NSA cover for the Cuba Project. It indicates that Cuba cover is top priority. It indicated that this was not possibly known to the members of the United States Intelligence Board. The problem seemed to be to be able to decide how much of NSA (National Security Agency) assets were needed to provide cover for the Cuban project.

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SOURCE: Memorandum for Richard Helms from Brig. Gen. Lansdale, dated Feb. 1, 1962 (00122)

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Halpern Harvey

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OCCURRENCE

Samuel Halpern was executive assistant to Harvey who was in charge of the lar Lastern Service of In the fall of 1961 he was assigned to the branch covering the Western Hemisphere including Cuba and other Caribbean Islands. Halpern was in the Prior Cuban operation. * Athline MC Ish # (1)



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ZR Rifle...(which) had a dual purpose...to steal codes" [ethal executive action capability. (Tr. 67, 69-70) R/F Breckinridge testified that 'Mr. Helms was the person who formally approved rifle (gun) and rifle (rummage through files). $\mathcal{L}^{\mathcal{U}} \checkmark 7 \mathcal{J}$ les and to provide

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PERSONS/ENTITIES: BRECKINRIDGE, SCOTT MILLIAM INTELIAM

DATES: 2/61

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OCCURRENCE: Breckinridge testified that from his review of the files of Project ZRRIFLE, the "controlling character" (80) of the Project was to steal codes trather than to develop the capability for assassination. (30)

Breckeinridge testified that on the face of the documents relating to Project ZRRIFLE, the Project was only directed an expection codes. The fact that it related to developing the capability to assassinate came out in interviews with William larvey. (31)



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